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## Tools for Combating Meth

Tools for Combating Meth contains practical guidebooks that address issues such as clandestine drug labs, drug dealing in open-air markets and privately owned apartment complexes and identity theft. Other publications included in the toolkit address the environmental dangers involved in meth production and provide best practices for combating meth based on previous COPS funded meth programs.

Each publication can be downloaded here, or requested from the COPS Office Response Center by [email](#) or telephone at 1.800.421.6770.

### An Evaluation of the COPS Office Methamphetamine Initiative

This COPS-funded evaluation conducted by the Institute for Law and Justice and 21st Century Solutions evaluates COPS' first six methamphetamine grants. This evaluation focuses on the histories of the meth problems in these cities and includes detailed process evaluations of each grant's implementation. This report provides insight into the ways in which these agencies responded to their meth problems and should be of great interest to those dealing with similar drug problems in their jurisdictions.

### Clandestine Drug Labs

This guide addresses the problem of clandestine drug labs. Offenders manufacture a variety of illicit drugs in such labs, including methamphetamine, amphetamines, MDMA (ecstasy), methcathinone, PCP, LSD, and fentanyl, although methamphetamine accounts for 80 to 90 percent of the labs' total drug production. Accordingly, the problem of clandestine drug labs is closely tied with the problems associated with methamphetamine abuse.

### Combating Methamphetamine Laboratories and Abuse: Strategies for Success

This publication provides a brief summary of the findings of the National Evaluation and suggests ways that agencies can better deal with their own methamphetamine problems through a discussion of the COPS Problem-Oriented Policing Guide to Clandestine Laboratories. It evaluates COPS' first six meth grants. These methamphetamine grants encourage law enforcement agencies to respond to meth problems with advanced technologies and creative problem-solving strategies.

### Drug Dealing in Open Air Markets

Open-air markets represent the lowest level of the drug distribution network. Low-level markets need to be tackled effectively not only because of the risks posed to market participants, but also to reduce the harms that illicit drug use can inflict on the local community. This guide describes the problem and reviews the factors that increase the risks of drug dealing in open-air markets. The guide then identifies a series of questions that might assist you in analyzing your local problem and reviews responses to the problem and what is known about these from evaluative research and police practice.

### Drug Dealing in Privately Owned Apartment Complexes

This Guide focuses on drug dealing in privately owned apartment complexes. The Guide makes a clear distinction between open- and closed-drug markets, provides information on what is known about each market type, and provides questions to ask when analyzing each market. It also proposes various responses designed to close drug markets and provides a full range of problem-specific measures to determine the effectiveness of those responses.

### Methamphetamine Initiative Final Environmental Assessment

This report assesses the impact on the environment of grant policies under the COPS

Methamphetamine Initiative, which encompasses funding for the dismantling of clandestine methamphetamine labs and the associated cleanup of hazardous materials involved in methamphetamine manufacture.

#### Identity Theft

This guide addresses the problem of identity theft. It begins by describing the problem and reviewing factors that increase the risks of it. The guide also identifies a series of questions that might assist you in analyzing your local problem. Finally, it reviews responses to the problem and what is known about these from evaluative research and police practice.

#### Prescription Fraud

This guide addresses the problem of prescription fraud, a significantly growing problem for many law enforcement agencies. It begins by describing the problem and reviewing factors that contribute to it. The guide also identifies a series of questions that might assist you in analyzing your local problem. Finally, it reviews responses to the problem and what is known about these from evaluative research and police practice.

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